Conversion of M.G. Railway Lines

6438. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of metre gauge railway lines in the country as on 31 March, 1992 and its break-up by railway zone-wise and State-wise;

(b) the length of metre gauge lines taken up for conversion during 1991-92 and its break-up by railway zone-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the estimated expenditure incurred on conversion of metre gauge lines during 1991-92, and estimated mandays of employment generated in the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a)A statement is attached.

(b) No new gauge conversion project was taken up in 1991-92. The following ongoing gauge conversion porjects were completed in 191-92:-

(i) Manmad-Aurangabad (114 Kms.)

South Central Railway-Maharashtra State.

(ii) Salempur-Barhaj Bazar (22 Kms.)

North Eastern Railway-Uttar Pradesh State.

(c) The estimated expenditure on gauge conversion projects in 1991-92 was Rs. 133.03 crores. The employment generated on gauge conversion works in the construction stage is about 10,000 mandays per Km. of conversion.

STATEMENT

Total Metre Gauge route length as on 31.03.1991 (latest availabe).
23,419.23 Km.

Zone-wise Metre Gauge route length

Railway Zone	*Route Length (in Kms.)*
Northern	3032.50
North Eastern	4092.33
Northeast Frontier	2998.19
Southern	4333.35
South Central	3571.82
Western	5391.04
Total:	23,419.23

State-wise/Metre Gauge route length

State/Union Territory	*Route length (in kms.)*
Andhra Pradesh	1481.75
Arunachal Pradesh	1.26
Assam	2200.42
Bihar	1681.57
Goa	79.06
Gujarat	2655.10
Haryana	612.81

State/Union Territory	*Route length (in kms.)*
Karnataka	2259.84
Kerala	114.43
Madhya Pradesh	497.86
Maharashtra	993.66
Manipur	1.35
Mizoram	1.50
Nagaland	9.35
Punjab	158.23
Rajasthan	4505.52
Tamil Nadu	2879.14
Tripura	44.72
Uttar Pradesh	2710.35
West Bengal	477 11
Delhi	27.09
Pondicherry	27.11
Total	23419.23

Operation Black Board

6439. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools, district-wise, in Bihar undertaken during the first three phases of Operation Black Board;

(b) whether any proposals have been received from the Government of Bihar regarding the fourth phase;

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon;

(d) whether the fourth phase will cover schools in the municipal areas; and

(e) the total outlay under the Operation Black Board so far, the amounts sanctioned to Bihar and the amount released upto March 31, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Only two phases have been sanctioned to Bihar under the Scheme of Operation Blackboard and the information is given in attached Statements I & II respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Question does not arise.

(e) A sum of Rs. 699.04 Crores has been sanctioned so far under the Scheme of Operation Blackboard. Against this, a sum of Rs. 8102.99 lakhs has been sanctioned to Bihar, out of which a sum of Rs. 7111.73 lakhs has been released upto 31.3.1992.

STATEMENT I

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*Number of Schools Covered*
1.	Patna	436